

REMARKS

Counsel thanks Supervisory Examiner B. Sircus and Examiner D. Nguyen and for the courtesy of an interview held on March 16, 2005.

The Examiners indicated at the interview that the proposed amendment attached to the Interview Summary mailed March 22, 2005 would overcome the rejections based on currently applied references of *Voldman* and *Walker*. The proposed amendment is now officially submitted by this paper.

In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended in the exact manner as shown in the attachment to the Interview Summary. Claims 3-4 have been amended to correct their dependency, as claim 2 from which claims 3-4 previously depended has been cancelled and incorporated in claim 1 by the Amendment filed March 25, 2004. Allowable claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 4-5 in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in paragraph 4 of the Final Office Action.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not introduce new matter and do not raise new issues. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment paper is believed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claims 1 and 3-5 as being obvious over *Voldman* and *Walker* is believed overcome in view of the amendments made to independent claim 1.

Claims 6-23 and 25-28 stand allowable as indicated in the Final Office Action.

Accordingly, all claims in the present application, namely, claims 1, 3-23 and 25-28 are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

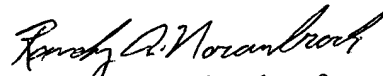
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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